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To revise and extend health workforce programs under title VII of the
Public Health Service Act.

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DECEMBER 9, 2019

Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. ENZI, and Ms. MCSALLY) introduced the following
bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Edu-
cation, Labor, and Pensions

DECEMBER 17, 2019

Reported by Mr. ALEXANDER, with an amendment

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A BILL

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VII of the Public Health Service Act.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Title VII Health Care
5 Workforce Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS**
 2 **WORKFORCE PROGRAMS.**

3 Title VII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
 4 292 et seq.) is amended—

5 (1) in section 736 (42 U.S.C. 293), by striking
 6 subsection (i) and inserting the following:

7 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To
 8 carry out this section, there is authorized to be appro-
 9 priated \$23,711,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through
 10 2024.”;

11 (2) in section 740 (42 U.S.C. 293d)—

12 (A) in subsection (a), by striking
 13 “\$51,000,000 for fiscal year 2010, and such
 14 sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal
 15 years 2011 through 2014” and inserting
 16 “\$48,970,000 for each of fiscal years 2020
 17 through 2024”;

18 (B) in subsection (b), by striking
 19 “\$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2010
 20 through 2014” and inserting “\$1,190,000 for
 21 each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024”;

22 (C) in subsection (c), by striking
 23 “\$60,000,000 for fiscal year 2010 and such
 24 sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal
 25 years 2011 through 2014” and inserting

1 “\$14,189,000 for each of fiscal years 2020
2 through 2024”; and

3 (D) in subsection (d), by striking “Not
4 Later than 6 months after the date of enact-
5 ment of this part, the Secretary shall prepare
6 and submit to the appropriate committees of
7 Congress” and inserting: “Not later than Sep-
8 tember 30, 2024, and every five years there-
9 after, the Secretary shall prepare and submit to
10 the Committee on Health, Education, Labor,
11 and Pensions of the Senate, and the Committee
12 on Energy and Commerce of the House of Rep-
13 resentatives,”;

14 (3) in section 747 (42 U.S.C. 293k)—

15 (A) in subsection (a)(1)(G), by striking “to
16 plan, develop, and operate a demonstration pro-
17 gram that provides training” and inserting: “to
18 plan, develop, and operate a program that iden-
19 tifies or develops innovative models of providing
20 care, and trains primary care physicians on
21 such models and”;

22 (B) in subsection (b)(3)(E), by striking
23 “substance-related disorders” and inserting
24 “substance use disorders”; and

1 (C) in subsection (c)(1), by striking
 2 “\$125,000,000 for fiscal year 2010, and such
 3 sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal
 4 years 2011 through 2014” and inserting
 5 “\$48,924,000 for each of fiscal years 2020
 6 through 2024”;

7 (4) in section 748 (42 U.S.C. 293k-2)—

8 (A) in subsection (e)(5), by striking “sub-
 9 stance-related disorders” and inserting “sub-
 10 stance use disorders”; and

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 12 “\$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2010 and such
 13 sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal
 14 years 2011 through 2015” and inserting
 15 “\$28,531,000 for each of fiscal years 2020
 16 through 2024”;

17 (5) in section 749(d)(2) (42 U.S.C. 293l(d)(2)),
 18 by striking “Committee on Labor and Human Re-
 19 sources of the Senate, and the Committee on Com-
 20 merce of the House of Representatives” and insert-
 21 ing “Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and
 22 Pensions of the Senate, and the Committee on En-
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 3 years 2010 through 2014” and inserting
 4 “\$39,250,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through
 5 2024”;

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 24 Labor, and Pensions”;

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1 (i) in paragraph (2), by striking
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 4 Medicaid Services”;

5 (ii) by redesignating paragraphs (4)
 6 through (6) as paragraphs (5) through (7),
 7 respectively; and

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 9 the following:

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 13 and inserting the following:

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 15 and not less than every 5 years thereafter, the Council
 16 shall submit to the Secretary, and to the Committee on
 17 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and
 18 the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House
 19 of Representatives, a report on the recommendations de-
 20 scribed in subsection (a).”; and

21 (D) by redesignating subsection (I) as sub-
 22 section (j);

23 (11) in section 766(b)(1) (42 U.S.C.
 24 295a(b)(1)), by striking “that plans” and all that
 25 follows through the period and inserting “that plans;

1 develops, operates, and evaluates projects to improve
 2 preventive medicine, health promotion and disease
 3 prevention, or access to and quality of health care
 4 services in rural or medically underserved commu-
 5 nities.”; and

6 (12) in section 770(a) (42 U.S.C. 295e(a)), by
 7 striking “\$43,000,000 for fiscal year 2011, and such
 8 sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal
 9 years 2012 through 2015” and inserting
 10 “\$17,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through
 11 2024”.

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 and”; and

(ii) by adding at the end the following:

“(3) *PRIORITIES IN MAKING AWARDS.*—In
 awarding grants or contracts under paragraph (1),
 the Secretary may give priority to qualified appli-
 cants that train residents in rural areas, including
 for Tribes or Tribal Organizations in such areas.”;

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20 *(ii) by redesignating paragraphs (4)*
 21 *through (6) as paragraphs (5) through (7),*
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23 *(iii) by inserting after paragraph (3),*
 24 *the following:*

1 “(4) *the Administrator of the Health Resources*
2 *and Services Administration;*”;

3 *(C) by striking subsections (i), (j), and (k)*
4 *and inserting the following:*

5 “(i) *REPORTS.—Not later than September 30, 2023,*
6 *and not less than every 5 years thereafter, the Council shall*
7 *submit to the Secretary, and to the Committee on Health,*
8 *Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Com-*
9 *mittee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Represent-*
10 *atives, a report on the recommendations described in sub-*
11 *section (a).;* and

12 *(D) by redesignating subsection (l) as sub-*
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14 *(11) in section 766(b)(1) (42 U.S.C. 295a(b)(1)),*
15 *by striking “that plans” and all that follows through*
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18 *medicine, health promotion and disease prevention, or*
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23 *sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years*
24 *2012 through 2015” and inserting “\$17,000,000 for*
25 *each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025”; and*

1 (13) in section 775(e) (42 U.S.C. 295f(e)), by
 2 striking “\$30,000,000” and all that follows through
 3 the period and inserting “such sums as may be nec-
 4 essary for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025.”.

5 **SEC. 3. HEALTH WORKFORCE COORDINATION.**

6 (a) *STRATEGIC PLAN.*—

7 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 1 year after
 8 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
 9 Health and Human Services (referred to in this Act
 10 as the “Secretary”), in consultation with the Advisory
 11 Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine
 12 and Dentistry and the Advisory Council on Graduate
 13 Medical Education, shall develop a comprehensive
 14 and coordinated plan with respect to the health care
 15 workforce development programs of the Department of
 16 Health and Human Services, including education
 17 and training programs.

18 (2) *REQUIREMENTS.*—The plan under para-
 19 graph (1) shall—

20 (A) include performance measures to deter-
 21 mine the extent to which the programs described
 22 in paragraph (1) are strengthening the Nation’s
 23 health care system;

24 (B) identify any gaps that exist between the
 25 outcomes of programs described in paragraph (1)

1 *and projected health care workforce needs identi-*
2 *fied in workforce projection reports conducted by*
3 *the Health Resources and Services Administra-*
4 *tion;*

5 *(C) identify actions to address the gaps de-*
6 *scribed in subparagraph (B); and*

7 *(D) identify barriers, if any, to imple-*
8 *menting the actions identified under subpara-*
9 *graph (C).*

10 ***(b) COORDINATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES.—The***
11 *Secretary shall coordinate with the heads of other Federal*
12 *agencies and departments that fund or administer health*
13 *care workforce development programs, including education*
14 *and training programs, to—*

15 *(1) evaluate the performance of such programs,*
16 *including the extent to which such programs are effi-*
17 *cient and effective and are meeting the nation’s health*
18 *workforce needs; and*

19 *(2) identify opportunities to improve the quality*
20 *and consistency of the information collected to evalu-*
21 *ate within and across such programs, and to imple-*
22 *ment such improvements.*

23 ***(c) REPORT.—****Not later than 2 years after the date of*
24 *enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the*
25 *Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of*

1 *the Senate, and the Committee on Energy and Commerce*
 2 *of the House of Representatives, a report describing the plan*
 3 *developed under subsection (a) and actions taken to imple-*
 4 *ment such plan.*

5 **SEC. 4. EDUCATION AND TRAINING RELATING TO GERI-**
 6 **ATRICS.**

7 *Section 753 of the Public Health Service Act (42*
 8 *U.S.C. 294c) is amended to read as follows:*

9 **“SEC. 753. EDUCATION AND TRAINING RELATING TO GERI-**
 10 **ATRICS.**

11 *“(a) GERIATRICS WORKFORCE ENHANCEMENT PRO-*
 12 *GRAM.—*

13 *“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award*
 14 *grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements under*
 15 *this subsection to entities described in paragraph (1),*
 16 *(3), or (4) of section 799B, section 801(2), or section*
 17 *865(d), or other health professions schools or pro-*
 18 *grams approved by the Secretary, for the establish-*
 19 *ment or operation of Geriatrics Workforce Enhance-*
 20 *ment Programs that meet the requirements of para-*
 21 *graph (2).*

22 *“(2) REQUIREMENTS.—*

23 *“(A) IN GENERAL.—A Geriatrics Workforce*
 24 *Enhancement Program receiving an award*
 25 *under this section shall support the training of*

1 *health professionals in geriatrics, including*
 2 *traineeships or fellowships. Such programs shall*
 3 *emphasize, as appropriate, patient and family*
 4 *engagement, integration of geriatrics with pri-*
 5 *mary care and other appropriate specialties, and*
 6 *collaboration with community partners to ad-*
 7 *dress gaps in health care for older adults.*

8 *“(B) ACTIVITIES.—Activities conducted by*
 9 *a program under this section may include the*
 10 *following:*

11 *“(i) Clinical training on providing in-*
 12 *tegrated geriatrics and primary care deliv-*
 13 *ery services.*

14 *“(ii) Interprofessional training to*
 15 *practitioners from multiple disciplines and*
 16 *specialties, including training on the provi-*
 17 *sion of care to older adults.*

18 *“(iii) Establishing or maintaining*
 19 *training-related community-based programs*
 20 *for older adults and caregivers to improve*
 21 *health outcomes for older adults.*

22 *“(iv) Providing education on Alz-*
 23 *heimer’s disease and related dementias to*
 24 *families and caregivers of older adults, di-*

1 *rect care workers, and health professions*
 2 *students, faculty, and providers.*

3 “(3) *DURATION.*—*Each grant, contract, or coop-*
 4 *erative agreement or contract awarded under para-*
 5 *graph (1) shall be for a period not to exceed 5 years.*

6 “(4) *APPLICATIONS.*—*To be eligible to receive a*
 7 *grant, contract, or cooperative agreement under para-*
 8 *graph (1), an entity described in such paragraph*
 9 *shall submit to the Secretary an application at such*
 10 *time, in such manner, and containing such informa-*
 11 *tion as the Secretary may require.*

12 “(5) *PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.*—

13 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*In awarding grants,*
 14 *contracts, and cooperative agreements under*
 15 *paragraph (1), the Secretary—*

16 “(i) *shall give priority to programs*
 17 *that demonstrate coordination with another*
 18 *Federal or State program or another public*
 19 *or private entity;*

20 “(ii) *shall give priority to applicants*
 21 *with programs or activities that are ex-*
 22 *pected to substantially benefit rural or*
 23 *medically underserved populations of older*
 24 *adults, or serve older adults in Indian*
 25 *Tribes or Tribal organizations; and*

1 “(iii) may give priority to any pro-
2 gram that—

3 “(I) integrates geriatrics into pri-
4 mary care practice;

5 “(II) provides training to inte-
6 grate geriatric care into other special-
7 ties across care settings, including
8 practicing clinical specialists, health
9 care administrators, faculty without
10 backgrounds in geriatrics, and students
11 from all health professions;

12 “(III) emphasizes integration of
13 geriatric care into existing service de-
14 livery locations and care across set-
15 tings, including primary care clinics,
16 medical homes, Federally qualified
17 health centers, ambulatory care clinics,
18 critical access hospitals, emergency
19 care, assisted living and nursing facili-
20 ties, and home- and community-based
21 services, which may include adult
22 daycare;

23 “(IV) supports the training and
24 retraining of faculty, primary care
25 providers, other direct care providers,

1 *and other appropriate professionals on*
 2 *geriatrics;*

3 “(V) *emphasizes education and*
 4 *engagement of family caregivers on*
 5 *disease management and strategies to*
 6 *meet the needs of caregivers of older*
 7 *adults; or*

8 “(VI) *proposes to conduct out-*
 9 *reach to communities that have a*
 10 *shortage of geriatric workforce profes-*
 11 *sionals.*

12 “(B) *SPECIAL CONSIDERATION.—In award-*
 13 *ing grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements*
 14 *under this section, the Secretary shall give spe-*
 15 *cial consideration to entities that provide serv-*
 16 *ices in areas with a shortage of geriatric work-*
 17 *force professionals.*

18 “(6) *PRIORITY.—The Secretary may provide*
 19 *awardees with additional support for activities in*
 20 *areas of demonstrated need, which may include edu-*
 21 *cation and training for home health workers, family*
 22 *caregivers, and direct care workers on care for older*
 23 *adults.*

24 “(7) *REPORTING.—*

1 “(A) *REPORTS FROM ENTITIES.*—*Each enti-*
2 *ty awarded a grant, contract, or cooperative*
3 *agreement under this section shall submit an an-*
4 *nuual report to the Secretary on the activities*
5 *conducted under such grant, contract, or cooper-*
6 *ative agreement, which may include information*
7 *on the number of trainees, the number of profes-*
8 *sions and disciplines, the number of partnerships*
9 *with health care delivery sites, the number of fac-*
10 *ulty and practicing professionals who partici-*
11 *pated in such programs, and other information,*
12 *as the Secretary may require.*

13 “(B) *REPORT TO CONGRESS.*—*Not later*
14 *than 4 years after the date of enactment of the*
15 *Title VII Health Care Workforce Reauthorization*
16 *Act of 2019 and every 5 years thereafter, the Sec-*
17 *retary shall submit to the Committee on Health,*
18 *Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate*
19 *and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of*
20 *the House of Representatives a report that pro-*
21 *vides a summary of the activities and outcomes*
22 *associated with grants, contracts, and coopera-*
23 *tive agreements made under this section. Such*
24 *reports shall include—*

1 “(i) information on the number of
2 trainees, faculty, and professionals who par-
3 ticipated in programs under this section;

4 “(ii) information on the impact of the
5 program conducted under this section on the
6 health status of older adults, including in
7 areas with a shortage of health profes-
8 sionals; and

9 “(iii) information on outreach and
10 education provided under this section to
11 families and caregivers of older adults.

12 “(C) *PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.*—The Secretary
13 shall make reports submitted under paragraph
14 (B) publically available on the internet website
15 of the Department of Health and Human Serv-
16 ices.

17 “(b) *GERIATRIC ACADEMIC CAREER AWARDS.*—

18 “(1) *ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.*—The Sec-
19 retary shall, as appropriate, establish or maintain a
20 program to provide geriatric academic career awards
21 to eligible entities applying on behalf of eligible indi-
22 viduals to promote the career development of such in-
23 dividuals as academic geriatricians or other academic
24 geriatrics health professionals.

25 “(2) *ELIGIBILITY.*—

1 “(A) *ELIGIBLE ENTITY.*—For purposes of
2 this subsection, the term ‘eligible entity’ means—

3 “(i) an entity described in paragraph
4 (1), (3), or (4) of section 799B or section
5 801(2); or

6 “(ii) another accredited health profes-
7 sions school or graduate program approved
8 by the Secretary.

9 “(B) *ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.*—For purposes
10 of this subsection, the term ‘eligible individual’
11 means an individual who—

12 “(i)(I) is board certified or board eligi-
13 ble in internal medicine, family practice,
14 psychiatry, or licensed dentistry, or has
15 completed required training in a discipline
16 and is employed in an accredited health
17 professions school or graduate program that
18 is approved by the Secretary; or

19 “(II) has completed an approved fel-
20 lowship program in geriatrics, or has com-
21 pleted specialty training in geriatrics as re-
22 quired by the discipline and any additional
23 geriatrics training as required by the Sec-
24 retary; and

1 “(ii) has a junior, nontenured, faculty
 2 appointment at an accredited health profes-
 3 sions school or graduate program in geri-
 4 atrics or a geriatrics health profession.

5 “(3) *APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.*—In order to
 6 receive an award under paragraph (1), an eligible en-
 7 tity, on behalf of an eligible individual, shall—

8 “(A) submit to the Secretary an applica-
 9 tion, at such time, in such manner, and con-
 10 taining such information as the Secretary may
 11 require;

12 “(B) provide, in such form and manner as
 13 the Secretary may require, assurances that the
 14 eligible individual will meet the service require-
 15 ment described in paragraph (6); and

16 “(C) provide, in such form and manner as
 17 the Secretary may require, assurances that the
 18 individual has a full-time faculty appointment
 19 in a health professions institution and docu-
 20 mented commitment from such eligible entity
 21 that the individual will spend 75 percent of the
 22 individual’s time that is supported by the award
 23 on teaching and developing skills in inter-
 24 disciplinary education in geriatrics.

1 “(4) *EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION.*—*In making*
 2 *awards under this subsection, the Secretary shall seek*
 3 *to ensure geographical distribution among award re-*
 4 *cipients, including among rural or medically under-*
 5 *served areas of the United States.*

6 “(5) *AMOUNT AND DURATION.*—

7 “(A) *AMOUNT.*—*The amount of an award*
 8 *under this subsection shall be at least \$75,000 for*
 9 *fiscal year 2020, adjusted for subsequent years in*
 10 *accordance with the consumer price index. The*
 11 *Secretary shall determine the amount of an*
 12 *award under this subsection for individuals who*
 13 *are not physicians.*

14 “(B) *DURATION.*—*The Secretary shall make*
 15 *awards under paragraph (1) for a period not to*
 16 *exceed 5 years.*

17 “(6) *SERVICE REQUIREMENT.*—*An individual*
 18 *who receives an award under this subsection shall*
 19 *provide training in clinical geriatrics, including the*
 20 *training of interprofessional teams of health care pro-*
 21 *fessionals. The provision of such training shall con-*
 22 *stitute at least 75 percent of the obligations of such*
 23 *individual under the award.*

1 “(c) *NONAPPLICABILITY OF PROVISION.*—*Notwith-*
2 *standing any other provision of this title, section 791(a)*
3 *shall not apply to awards made under this section.*

4 “(d) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—*There is*
5 *authorized to be appropriated \$40,737,000 for each of fiscal*
6 *years 2021 through 2025 for purposes of carrying out this*
7 *section.”.*

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